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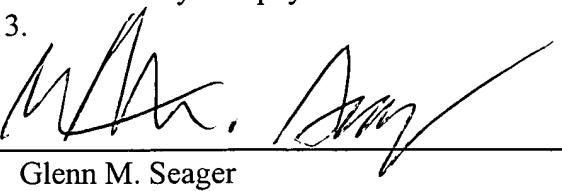
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Dear Sir:

*Note: According to telephone interview on 3/17/03
to agreed 3/20/03
cancel cl. 2-20*
Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 1-20

Please add the following new claims:

22. (New) A distal protection device, comprising:

a sheath;

a guidewire having a proximal end and a distal end, wherein at least a portion of the guidewire passes through the sheath;

a filter coupled to the guidewire; and

a tapered member coupled to the guidewire distally of the filter.

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